Academy Application Process

Welcome to Senator Roy Blunt's application page for the U.S. Service Academies. Please read all the directions below as well as the instructions on Senator Blunt's online application for a better understanding of the nomination process.

Please note: Your "permanent address" or "legal residence" must be Missouri in order to apply to Senator Blunt. You or your parent/ guardian must be domiciled in the State of Missouri. Domicile is defined as a person's fixed, permanent, and principal home for legal purposes.

The academy nomination process requires that you apply to your Congressional offices and directly to the academies for an actual appointment. As part of the process, you are required to contact the appropriate academy or academies and complete all requirements. Applying to all of the academies may improve your chances of receiving at least one appointment offer. If you have not already contacted the academy of your choice, you should do so as soon as possible to prevent any delay in the nomination process.

Best of luck to you as you begin the process to attend America's service academies!

Application Procedure:

Senator Blunt's academy application is made up of four sections: online application and essays, evaluations/recommendations, academic submissions, and acknowledgment form/photographs. The directions for each section are outlined below.

I. Application and Essays

Answer all of the online application and essay questions. Once you have completed the application and submitted it online, you can print a copy for yourself. Please do not mail a copy to the office.

II. Evaluations/Recommendations

Required Evaluations/Recommendations for High School Applicants:

1. Advisor/Principal Evaluation & Letter of Recommendation: Request that your counselor or principal fill out the Advisor/Principal Evaluation Form and attach a letter of recommendation.**

2. Personal Evaluation & Letter of Recommendation: Ask a teacher or coach to fill out the Personal Evaluation Form and attach a letter of recommendation.

3. Additional Letter(s) of Recommendation (up to 3 letters can be submitted in this category): Ask a boss, member of the clergy, scout leader, or other personal reference to

submit a letter of recommendation to Sen. Blunt's St. Louis office on your behalf. (Letters from family members will not be permitted.)

** If you are home-schooled, please contact Senator Blunt's Academy Coordinator to discuss the evaluation requirements.

Required Evaluations/Recommendations for Applicants that have graduated high school and are attending college or an academy prep school:

1. College Advisor/Faculty Evaluation & Letter of Recommendation: Request that your college advisor or ROTC instructor fill out the College Evaluation Form and submit a letter of recommendation.

2. Personal Evaluation & Letter of Recommendation: Request that a college professor, coach or past high school teacher fill out the Personal Evaluation Form and submit a letter of recommendation.

3. Additional Letter(s) of Recommendation (up to 3 letters can be submitted in this category): Ask a boss, member of the clergy, scout leader, or other personal reference to submit a letter of recommendation to Sen. Blunt's St. Louis office on your behalf. (Letters from family members will not be permitted.)

Required Evaluations/Recommendations for Active Duty Military Members or Applicants not enrolled in College:

1. Supervisor Evaluation & Letter of Recommendation: Request that your chain of command fill out the Supervisor Evaluation and submit a letter of recommendation

2. Personal Evaluation & Letter of Recommendation: Request that a superior, former teacher, or former coach fill out the Personal Evaluation Form and submit a letter of recommendation.

3. Additional Letter(s) of Recommendation (up to 3 letters can be submitted in this category): Ask a boss, member of the clergy, scout leader, or other personal reference to submit a letter of recommendation to Sen. Blunt's St. Louis office on your behalf. (Letters from family members will not be permitted.)

III. Academic

1. Transcript(s): A sealed official transcript from all high schools, junior colleges, or colleges you have attended or are currently attending should be mailed to the Senator's St. Louis office. High school student's transcripts should include three full years of study, current

GPA, and class rank. If you are currently in college, also send an official copy of your class schedule. Postmarks, Electronic Submissions, and Faxes will not be accepted.

2. Official SAT or ACT scores: Official SAT or ACT scores must be submitted through the testing service or on your official transcript. Faxed and electronic scores will not be accepted. Do not wait until October to take your test, as the scores received after the deadline will not be accepted. Please use the following codes for the testing services in order to forward scores directly – ACT: 7149 SAT: 0224

IV. Acknowledgment Form and Photographs

1. Complete, sign, and send in the Acknowledgment Form.

2. Send in two wallet-sized photos, head shots only. These will be sent with a release to your local paper if you accept an appointment.

Application Deadline:

The deadline for the completed application to be in Senator Blunt's St. Louis office is **5:00 p.m.** on **November 8, 2019**. It is your responsibility that all required materials are received by Sen. Blunt's St. Louis office by the deadline.

For additional information call (314) 725-4484 or send an email to academy_nominations@blunt.senate.gov.

General Information on Nomination Selection

Each member of Congress may have five cadets at each of the four service academies at any one time. The number of vacancies available each year is then determined by the number of cadets who either graduate or leave the academies each year. Senator Blunt's nominees will be selected using the "Equal and Competitive" selection process, which involves the Senator submitting a maximum of ten names per vacancy to each academy.

Due to the large number of qualified applicants, you are encouraged to apply to multiple nomination sources. You should apply to both U.S. Senators for Missouri as well as your local member of Congress. You may also apply to the Office of the Vice President of the United States, who can nominate applicants from the country at large.

Eligibility

Each applicant for a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Age: Must be at least 17 years old, but not yet 23 years of age, as of July 1 of year admitted. (25th birthday for the Merchant Marine Academy)
- Citizenship: Must be a U.S. citizen and a legal resident of the State of Missouri.
- Marital Status: Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

Qualifications

Your application will be carefully reviewed and assessed based upon your academic record, ACT/SAT scores, extra-curricular activities, character, motivation, and leadership skills. Medical/Physical fitness, which is determined by the Academy, is also taken into consideration.

Academics – Class rank, GPA, school records, and recommendations by principals, teachers, and/or counselors. You must have a qualifying score on either the SAT/ACT. Recent average scores were SAT Verbal 600-760, MATH 620-700, ACT English 28, Math 29.

Leadership – Applicants should include extracurricular activities in school and in the community. Part-time jobs and volunteer activities will also be considered.

Character/Motivation – Letters of recommendation should detail the applicant's character and motivation toward completing goals. Applicants should complete the file in a timely manner. Senator Blunt also requires thoughtful responses to the three essay questions.

Medical/Physical Fitness – The Academies schedule medical and physical fitness examinations. You will be notified by the Academy when and where these are scheduled.

Once you have thoroughly reviewed the application process, click here to begin your application.